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Begun at *Edinburgh*, upon *Thursday* the 20th Day of *May* 1762, and concluded the 31st Day of the said Month of *May*.

I.

The King's Commission to *Charles* Lord *Cathcart*, produced, and ordered to be recorded.

Edinburgh, *May* 20th, 1762.

THE General Assembly of this National Church being conveened and constituted, there was produced to them, by the Right Honourable CHARLES Lord CATHCART, the King's Commission, sealed with the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept and used in *Scotland* in Place of the Great Seal of *Scotland*, making and constituting him his Majesty's High Commissioner and Representative in this Assembly, of the same Tenor with the Commission granted to his Lordship last Year; which Commission was publickly read, with all due Honour and Respect, and ordered to be recorded in the Books of Assembly.

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The King's moſt gracious Letter to the General Aſſembly, preſented to them by his Majeſty's Commiſſioner.

Edinburgh, May 20th, 1762.

Supraſcribitur, GEORGE REX.

RIGHT Reverend, and Well-beloved, we greet you well! Experience has ſtrengthened and confirmed in us thoſe favourable Diſpoſitions towards the Church of *Scotland*, of which we gave Aſſurances to the laſt General Aſſembly; we are happy, therefore, in this Opportunity of repeating our fix'd Reſolution to ſupport it, as by Law eſtabliſhed, in all its Rights and Privileges.

We confide in you, who are the preſent Repreſentatives of that Church, that, by the Prudence of your Conduct, you will afford us Reaſon to increaſe our Affection towards it; and that, avoiding all unneceſſary Debates and Contentions, you will apply yourſelves with Temper and Moderation, to promote the good Ends for which you are aſſembled, the Advancement of Religion, and the Service of Almighty God; and you may be aſſured, that your laudable Endeavours in theſe Reſpects, ſhall not want our ſteady Concurrence and Support.

We doubt not but you will agree with us, that we ought, in the preſent Moment, to pay a more than ordinary Attention to our reſpective religious Duties. The Bleſſings with which Providence has of late, in ſo wonderful a Manner, diſtinguiſhed theſe our Kingdoms, require of us, and our Subjects, that by a Conduct ſuitable to the Occaſion, we ſhould ſhew a due Senſe of Gratitude for them. We truſt therefore, that you will infuſe into the Minds of our People, committed to your Charge, ſuch a Zeal for the Intereſts of Religion, and ſuch a Spirit of Piety and Devotion, as can alone make us worthy of thoſe Favours, which the Almighty has been pleaſed to beſtow upon us, and may contribute to the Continuance of them.

We have appointed our Right Truſty and Well-beloved *Charles* Lord *Cathcart* to repreſent our Royal Perſon in this Aſſembly, being well ſatisfied with his Loyalty, Integrity and Zeal for our Service; and we have Reaſon to believe, that our Choice of him will be moſt agreeable to you, as you have already had ſo frequent Experience of his Abilities for the Diſcharge

charge of the important Trust we now confer on him, aud such repeated Proofs of his particular Affection for the Church of *Scotland*, and his Concern for its Prosperity.

There is nothing more remaining, but to express our Hopes, that, by proceeding in the Business before you, with that Charity, Brotherly Love, and Unanimity, which we have recommended to you, you may bring this Meeting to as happy a Conclusion as that of any former Assembly; and so we bid you heartily Farewell.

Given at our Court at *St. James's*, the nineteenth Day of *April* 1762, in the second Year of our Reign.

By his Majesty's Command,

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III.

The General Assembly's Answer to the King's most gracious Letter.

May it please your Majesty,

WE received your Majesty's most gracious Letter with the Respect and Gratitude that was due for so condescending a Mark of your Royal Favour.

We esteem it as our greatest Honour, that your Majesty's Experience has confirmed your favourable Dispositions towards us, and led you to repeat your fixt Resolution to support the Church of *Scotland*, as by Law established, in all its Rights and Privileges.

The Confidence your Majesty is pleased to express in the Prudence of our Conduct, and the Hopes of obtaining an Increase of your paternal Affection, are additional and most engaging Motives to make us avoid all unnecessary Debates and Contentions, and apply ourselves with Temper and Moderation, to promote the Advancement of Religion, and the Service of Almighty God; and we thankfully acknowledge it as one of our greatest Blessings, and as the happiest Presage of Success, that our Endeavours in these Respects are sure of your Majesty's ready Concurrence and Support.

We liſten with the moſt profound Reverence to the Call your Majeſty is pleaſed to give us, to pay a particular Attention to our religious Duties in the preſent Moment; and we count it our Honour and Happineſs, to be ready to follow our King in Sentiments ſo becoming the Father of his People.

The Hand of God, ſo piouſly traced by your Majeſty in the wonderful Succeſs of theſe your Kingdoms in War, will, in due Time, we truſt, diſtinguiſh your Reign by a Bleſſing more agreeable to the Wiſhes of your Royal Heart, the enabling your Majeſty to give a laſting Peace to all your faithful Subjects.

Warmed by your Majeſty's moſt religious Sentiments, we feel in our Minds the deepeſt Gratitude to Almighty God, for giving us a Prince whoſe Virtue muſt intereſt the Care of Providence in Behalf of his Kingdoms; and encouraged by your great Example, we will not fail to infuſe into the Minds of your People committed to our Charge, ſuch a Zeal for the Intereſts of Religion, and ſuch a Spirit of Piety and Devotion, as may promote the great Ends your Majeſty has in View, the rendering your People worthy of thoſe Favours the Almighty has already beſtowed, and may contribute to the Continuance of them.

We beg Leave to expreſs our humble Thanks to your Majeſty, for your Attention to the Propagation of Chriſtian Knowledge, and the Principles of the Reformed Religion, in the *Highlands* and *Iſlands* of *Scotland*, Parts of your Majeſty's Dominions, in which the Intereſts of Religion, and of Government, coincide in a particular Manner. It is our Duty and Inclination, at all Times, to apply your Majeſty's royal Donations with the moſt prudent Care; but we think ourſelves called upon at preſent to double our Attention to an Object that has ſo much engaged your Majeſty's Zeal, and for which you have expreſſed ſo particular a Concern.

Lord *Cathcart*'s Loyalty, Integrity, and Zeal for your Majeſty's Service, is ſo well known to us, and we have had ſuch frequent Experience of his Abilities to diſcharge the important Truſt which your Majeſty has repoſed in him, and are ſo fully convinced of his particular Affection to the Church of *Scotland*, that we look on your Majeſty's Choice of him to repreſent your Royal Perſon in this Aſſembly as a moſt obliging Mark of your Favour, for which we beg Leave to make our moſt thankful Acknowledgements to your Majeſty.

Permit us to aſſure your Majeſty, that next to the Favour of that God whom we ſerve, your Royal Approbation, from Affection no leſs than Duty, is our conſtant Aim; and that we will proceed in the Buſineſs before us with that Charity, Brotherly Love, and Unanimity, which your Majeſty ſo ſtrongly recommends, and which you have had the rare Felicity, by

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your most just and merciful Government, to establish in a high Degree amongst all your Subjects.

That the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may long preserve your Majesty, to reign in the Hearts of an affectionate People, and to be the watchful Guardian of Religion and Liberty; that he may continue to bless your Arms with Success; and that your Magnanimity and Moderation, in the midst of so much Glory, may be crowned with the Power of giving lasting Peace to *Europe*; that he may bless and long preserve your Royal Consort the Queen, and make her the happy Mother of a Race of Kings to sway the Sceptre of these Realms; that he may bless the Princess Dowager of *Wales*, and all the Royal Family; and that after having reigned long over a free and happy People, he may bestow upon you the Crown of Glory that fadeth not away, are, and shall be, the constant Prayers of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal Subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in this National Assembly of the Church of Scotland,

Edin. May 22d, 1762.

Signed in our Name, in our Presence, and at our Appointment, by

R. TRAILL, Moderator.

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IV.

ACT appointing the Act of Parliament against murdering of Children to be read from the Pulpits.

Edinburgh, May 26th, 1762, Sess. 6.

THE General Assembly appoints, that the Act of Parliament against murdering of Children be read from the Pulpits of each Parish in this Church, at least twice every Year, and that the Presbyteries, at their privy Censures, make Enquiry if the same be done; and the Assembly appoints the several Ministers of this Church to cause ingross the said Act into their Session Records, to the End the same may always be at Hand, and not lost.

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The General Assembly's congratulatory Address to the King, on the happy Event of his Marriage.

May it please your Majesty,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Ministers and Elders met in the General Assembly of the Church of *Scotland*, embrace, with Joy, this first Opportunity of congratulating your Majesty, on your happy Nuptials with a Princess of illustrious Descent, and most eminent Virtues.

As our Duty and Affection to the best of Kings do not permit us to behold unmoved the Completion of your Majesty's domestic Felicity, so our Sense of your mild and and equitable Reign, and of the great Blessings we enjoy under your auspicious Government, make us, on this happy Event, look forward to Posterity, and rejoice in the Goodness of Providence, who gives us the Prospect of a Race of Kings descended from your Majesty, to inherit the Virtues of your Royal Line, and perpetuate the Happiness of these your Kingdoms.

We beg Leave, at the same Time, to congratulate your Majesty, on the amazing Success with which it has pleased Almighty God to bless your Reign, when we consider the rapid and uninterrupted Conquests of your Majesty's Arms, your undisputed Empire of the Sea, your constitutional Establishments for internal Defence, your mild Administration of Government, your Felicity in abolishing antient Factions and Animosities, and in gaining the Hearts of your People; when we behold your Majesty's Magnanimity and Moderation, amidst such a Tide of Prosperity; when, in such a Situation, we perceive religious Veneration for divine Providence, and tender Concern for the Welfare of your People, to be the reigning Passions of your Heart, we bless the God of our Fathers, not less for giving us a King, who adorns the most exalted State of human Greatness, than for the present distinguished Glory of our Country; and we fervently pray, that he may render us a People worthy of such conspicuous Marks of his Favour.

We should be wanting in our Duty on this Occasion, if we did not assure your Majesty, that our Fellow-subjects are not insensible of the Blessings of which they partake, under your benign and prosperous Government. The Members of this e-

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ſtabliſhed Church, always remarkable for their Zeal for Religion and Liberty, are not leſs diſtinguiſhed for their Loyalty to your Majeſty, and their Love of the Conſtitution: And if, in the Courſe of this War, prolonged by a new Combination of your Enemies, your Majeſty ſhould think it proper to call them out in Defence of your ſacred Perſon, their Religion and Liberties, we are perſuaded they would be found inferior to none of their Fellow-ſubjects, in the Exertion of that Spirit which becomes a free People, and Members of the *Britiſh* Community.

That Almighty God may eſtabliſh your Throne in Righteouſneſs, and in the Hearts of your Subjects; that after having brought your Kingdoms to the Summit of Glory in War, he may honour your Majeſty to confer on them the Bleſſings of a laſting Peace, that you may daily behold the increaſing Felicity of your People; that the King and Queen may be long preſerved to each other, and to an affectionate and grateful Nation; and that when they ſhall be exalted to an heavenly Kingdom, their Poſterity may reign over ours to the lateſt Ages, are the earneſt Prayers of,

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

Your Majeſty's moſt faithful, moſt obedient, and moſt loyal Subjects,

The Miniſters and Elders met in this national Aſſembly of the Church of Scotland.

Edin^r. May 26*th*, 1762. *Signed in our Name, in our Preſence, and at our Appointment, by*

R. TRAILL, Moderator.

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VI.

The General Aſſembly's congratulatory Addreſs to the Queen, on the happy Event of her Marriage.

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

WE his Majeſty's moſt dutiful Subjects, the Miniſters and Elders, met in the General Aſſembly of the Church of *Scotland*, beg Leave to take this firſt Opportunity of congratulating your Majeſty on your Arrival in theſe Kingdoms, and your auſpicious Marriage with a Monarch, who, by his eminent Virtues and happy Government, has acquired the full Affection and Confidence of all his Subjects.

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Our gracious Sovereign's Choice alone would have endeared your Majeſty to us, even though we had not been informed of your amiable and diſtinguiſhed Qualities; but Experience having confirmed early Report, and given us the ſtrongeſt Proofs of your Wiſdom and Virtue, and of your firm Attachment to the Proteſtant Religion, we, with grateful Hearts, bleſs Almighty God, who has brought ſo accompliſhed a Princeſs to ſhare the Throne of our beloved Sovereign: We humbly offer to your Majeſty our moſt reſpectful Duty, and cordial Affection, and earneſtly beg, that our moſt gracious Queen would honour the Church of *Scotland* with her Countenance and Favour.

That God Almighty may ever have your Majeſty under his gracious Tuition; that he may long preſerve you to the King, and to the People, to ſooth the Cares of Government, and bleſs us with a hopeful Progeny; and that very late you may exchange this earthly Crown for the Crown of Righteouſneſs that endureth for ever, are the Prayers of,

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

Your Majeſty's moſt faithful, moſt obedient, and moſt devoted Servants,

The Miniſters and Elders, met in this national Aſſembly of the Church of Scotland.

Edin^{r}. May 26th, 1762.

Signed in our Name, in our Preſence, and at our Appointment, by

R. TRAILL, Moderator.

VII.

The General Aſſembly's congratulatory Addreſs to the Princeſs of *Wales*, on the happy Event of the King's Marriage.

May it pleaſe your Royal Highneſs,

WE his Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Miniſters and Elders, met in the national Aſſembly of the Church of *Scotland*, take this firſt Opportunity of addreſſing your Royal Highneſs, on an Event, that muſt have given you the higheſt Pleaſure, the happy

happy Marriage of our beloved Sovereign, your Son, with a Princeſs of illuſtrious Birth, and moſt amiable Endowments.

Not inſenſible of what we owe to the Mother of our King; nor of what ſhe muſt feel on ſuch an Occaſion, we beg Leave to aſſure your Royal Highneſs, of our unfeigned Joy for an Union that cannot fail to give you entire Satisfaction, and continually implore the Almighty, to pour down ſuch Bleſſings on the Royal Pair, as may fulfil all the Wiſhes of your maternal Heart.

That the King and Queen may live long, for their mutual Happineſs, and to bleſs their People; that your Royal Highneſs may ſee yourſelf repaid for your tender Care of your illuſtrious Son, by their no leſs tender Care of their Royal Offſpring; and that ſprung of you, and inheriting your Virtues, a Race of Kings, who ſhall fear God, and love the People, may never be wanting to theſe Kingdoms, are the earneſt Prayers of,

May it pleaſe your Royal Highneſs;

Your moſt faithful and devoted Servants,

The Miniſters and Elders, met in this national Aſſembly of the Church of Scotland.

Edin^r. May 26*th* 1762. *Signed in our Name, in our Preſence, and at our Appointment, by*

R. TRAILL, Moderator.

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VIII.

Act againſt the Dilapidation of Stipends, and for aſcertaining the Extent of Glebes.

Edinburgh, May 28th, 1762, *Seſſ.* 8*th*.

UPON Report of the Committee for Overtures, the General Aſſembly injoin the ſeveral Presbyteries of this Church, to take an exact Account, on the Place, of the Extent of the Stipend, Glebe, Graſs, and other Emoluments, belonging to every Miniſter within their Bounds, and record the ſame with Accuracy

curacy in the Presbytery-books, so that every succeeding Incumbent may see at once what he is entitled to, and Presbyteries may be better able to give Check to any Dilapidations which may be attempted: And the Assembly appoint, that the respective Incumbents shall, in case any Persons liable in Payment of Stipends refuse or with-hold any Part thereof, he shall report the same to the next Presbytery after such Refusal, who are to give such Directions for Recovery of the same as the Nature of the Case may require; and that where a Minister is possessed of more Glebes than one, and has been in Use of setting the Glebe or Glebes most remote from his Manse, that such Glebe or Glebes shall, in all Time coming, after the Boundary and Limits thereof are ascertained as above-directed, be let only by Tack, in which the Extent and Marches thereof shall be particularly set furth, and the same lodged with the Presbytery Clerk.

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IX.

Commission to some Ministers and Ruling Elders, for discussing Affairs referred to them.

Edinburgh, May 31st, 1762, Sess. ult.

THE General Assembly considering, that there are divers Affairs which they cannot overtake, do hereby nominate, commissionate, and appoint, the Reverend Dr. Robert Traill, Professor of Divinity in the University of *Glasgow*, their Moderator: And from the Presbytery of *Abertarph* Mr. William Grant at *Kilmanvaig*, Mr. Andrew Gallie at *Laggan*, Ministers: From the Presbytery of *Skye*, Mr. Donald MacQueen at *Kilmuir*, Mr. William MacLeod at *Braccadale*, Ministers: From the Presbytery of *Lewis*, Mr. John Clark at *Stornavoy*, Mr. Normand Morison at *Uig*, Ministers; William Ross Writer in *Edinburgh*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Uist*, Mr. Angus MacNiel at *South Uist*, Mr. Donald MacQueen at *North Uist*, Ministers: From the Presbytery of *Gairloch*, Mr. James Robertson at *Lochbroom*, Mr. John Bethune at *Kintail*, Ministers; Dr. Matthew Stewart Professor of Mathematics in the College of *Edinburgh*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Dornoch*, Mr. Martin MacPherson at *Golspie*, Mr. John Sutherland at *Dornoch*, Ministers: From the Presbytery of

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Tong, Mr. George Munro at *Farr*, Mr. John MacKay at *Edrachillis*, Miniſters: From the Presbytery of *Caithneſs*, Mr. Alexander Oliphant at *Bowar*, Mr. John Sutherland at *Halkirk*, Miniſters; George Sinclair of *Ulbſter* Eſq; Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Kirkwall*, Mr. Hugh Mowat at *Evie*, Mr. James Weir at *South-Ronaldſey*, Miniſters; Mr. George Pitcairn Merchant in *Edinburgh*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Cairſton*, Mr. Thomas Hepburn at *Birſay*, Mr. William Nisbet at *Firth*, Miniſters; Mr. Adam Ferguſon Profeſſor of Philoſophy in the College of *Edinburgh*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Northiſles*, Mr. Andrew Cowan at *Weſtray*, Mr. John Scollay at *Burneſs*, Miniſters: From the Presbytery of *Zetland*, Mr. John Mill at *Dunroſſneſs*, Mr. William Mitchel at *Tingwal*, Miniſters; Sir Andrew Mitchel of *Weſt-Shoar*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, Mr. George Lindſay at *North Leith*, Dr. Alexander Webſter at *Edinburgh*, Mr. Alexander Bryce at *Kirk-Newton*, Mr. James Watſon in *Canongate*, Dr. John Hyndman at *Edinburgh*, Mr. Robert Fiſher at *Collingtoun*, Miniſters; the Right Honourable the Earl of *Lauderdale*, Mr. James Balfour of *Pilrig*, Bailie James Stewart Merchant in *Edinburgh*, Ruling Elders: City of *Edinburgh*, George Lind Eſq; preſent Provoſt thereof, and Charles Howiſon, Trades Counſellor there: Univerſity of *Edinburgh*, Dr. Patrick Cuming Profeſſor of Church Hiſtory therein, and one of the Miniſters of *Edinburgh*: Church of *Campvere*, Mr. James Yair Miniſter of the Scots Church at *Campvere*: From the Presbytery of *Linlithgow*, Mr. Robert Boyd at *Muiravenſide*, Mr. George Ellies at *Carridden*, Mr. John Dryſdale at *Kirkliſton*, Mr. James Paton at *Torphichen*, Miniſters; The Right Honourable the Lord Napier, and Mr. Charles Hope-Vere of *Craigieball*, Ruling Elders: From the Presbytery of *Biggar*, Mr. John Buchannan at *Covington*, Mr. James Scot at *Liberton*, Miniſters; William Fiſher Tenant in *Covington*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Peebles*, Mr. John Baird at *Stobo*, Mr. William Dalglieſh at *Peebles*, Miniſters; Mr. James Montgomery Advocate, one of his Majeſty's Solicitors, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Peebles*, Mr. Alexander Murray Advocate: From the Presbytery of *Dalkeith*, Mr. James Primroſe at *Crichton*, Dr. Alexander Carlyle at *Inverask*, Mr. Joſeph MacCormick at *Temple*, Miniſters; The Right Honourable the Lord Preſident of the Court of Seſſion, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Haddington*, Mr. John Hamilton at *Bolton*, Mr. Hugh Ballantyne at *Dirletoun*, Mr. James Innes at *Yeſter*, Miniſters; The Right Honourable the Lord *Coalſton*, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Haddington*, Bailie James Veitch: Burgh of *North Berwick*, Sir George Suttie: From the Presbytery of *Dunbar*, Mr. David Smith at *Innerwick*, Mr. Abraham Home at *Whittingham*, Miniſters, Mr. James Hamilton, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Dunbar*, Mr. Robert Johnſtone: From the Presbytery of

Dunſe, Mr. David Johnſton at *Langton*, Mr. Adam Murray at *Abbay*, Miniſters; David Gavin of *Langton*, Eſq; Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Chirnſide*, Mr. Patrick Hepburn at *Ayton*, Mr. John Waugh at *Whitſome*, Miniſters; Sir John Stewart of *Allanbank*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Kelſo*, Mr. Joſeph Leck at *Yetholm*, Mr. Robert Hogg at *Roxburgh*, Miniſters; Mr. George Wallace Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Jedburgh*, Mr. George Dickſon at *Bedrule*, Mr. Robert Deans at *Crailing*, Mr. Robert Muirhead at *South-Dean*, Miniſters; Mr. William Hall of *Hyndhope* Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Erſiltoun*, Mr. John Bell at *Gordon*, Mr. Abraham Ker at *Nenthorn*, Miniſters; Robert Kennedy of *Auchtifardle*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Selkirk*, Mr. William Trotter at *Selkirk*, Mr. Andrew Walker at *Ettrick*, Miniſters; The Right Honourable the Lord *Alemoor*, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Selkirk*, Mr. Gideon Shaw of *Lauriſton*: From the Presbytery of *Annan*, Mr. Alexander Orr at *Hoddam*, Mr. Andrew Jaffray at *Ruthwall*, Miniſters; Mr. Alexander Orr Clerk to the Signet, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Langholm*, Mr. John Dickie at *Langholm*, Mr. Richard Scott at *Ewes*, Miniſters; Mr. John Craigie, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Lochmaben*. Mr. David Imrie at *St. Mungo*, Mr. James Lorimer at *Mouſewald*, Mr. Joſeph Ferguſon at *Tundergirth*, Miniſters; Mr. William Johnſton Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Penpont*, Mr. John Collow at *Penpont*, Mr. Thomas Wilſon at *Tynron*, Miniſters; Mr. Gilbert Grierſon, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Dumfries*, Mr. John Ewart at *Troquire*, Mr. William Clark at *Kirkgunzeon*, Mr. James Alexander at *Kirkbean*, Miniſters; Mr. Andrew Crosbie Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Kirkcudbright*, Mr. William Donaldſon at *Partoun*, Mr. Harry Grieve at *Twynholm*, Mr. Thomas Blacklock at *Kirkcudbright*, Miniſters; Robert Mac-Millan, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Wigton*, Mr. William Boyd at *Penningham*, Mr. James Laing at *Glaſſerton*, Miniſters: Mr. Alexander Agnew of *Dalreagle*, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Wigton*, Mr. William Cochran Advocate: From the Presbytery of *Stranrawer*, Mr. Thomas Mutter at *Leſſwalt*, Mr. James MacCulloch at *Kirkcolm*, Miniſters; John Hamilton of *Bargenie* Eſq; Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Air*, Mr. Patrick Woodrow at *Tarbolton*, Mr. William Allan at *Barr*, Mr. David Shaw at *Coylton*, Mr. Thomas Thomſon at *Dailey*, Mr. John Steel at *Stair*, Miniſters: The Right Honourable the Lord Advocate, the Right Honourable the Lord *Auchinleck*, Ruling Elders: Burgh of *Air*, Mr. John Muir Writer to the Signet: From the Presbytery of *Irvine*, Mr. John Adam at *Kilbryde*, Mr. William Lindſay at *Cambray*, Mr. John Fullarton at *Dalry*, Miniſters; Mr. Archibald Stevenſon of *Montgreenan*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Paiſley*, Mr. John Warner at *Kilbarchan*, Mr. John Montieth

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at *Killiallan*, Mr. James Lundin at *Erskine*, Mr. Alexander Cruickshanks at *Mearns*, Ministers; Mr. Walter Stewart, and Mr. Islay Campbell, Advocates, Ruling Elders: From the Presbytery of *Hamilton*, Mr. Robert Park at *Old-Monkland*, Mr. Robert Bell at *Avendale*, Mr. John Risk at *Dalserf*, Ministers; Mr. William Gilmore Preacher of the Gospel, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Lanark*, Mr. John Bradfute at *Dunsyre*, Mr. David Carmichael at *Pettinain*, Mr. Thomas Linning at *Lesmahagoe*, Ministers; Archibald Bertram of *Nisbet*, Ruling Elder; Burgh of *Lanark*, Mr. James Dewar of *Vogray* Advocate: From the Presbytery of *Glasgow*, Dr. William Robertson Principal of the College of *Edinburgh*, Mr. John Gillis at *Glasgow*, Mr. Alexander Dun at *Calder*, Ministers; Mr. Alexander Smellie Merchant in *Glasgow* Ruling Elder: City of *Glasgow*, Bailie James Baird Merchant in *Glasgow*: University of *Glasgow*, Mr. James Williamson, Professor of Mathematicks there: From the Presbytery of *Dunbarton*, Mr. Duncan Macfarlane at *Drymen*, Mr. John Freebairn at *Dunbarton*, Mr. John Allan at *Row* Ministers; Sir James Colquhoun of *Luss* Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Dunoon*, Mr. Alexander Lamont at *Kilfinan*, Mr. John Melvill at *Dunoon* Ministers; Mr. William Sands Bookseller in *Edinburgh*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Kintyre*, Mr. Archibald MacNiel at *Kilcalmonel*, Mr. Neil MacLeod at *Juray*, Ministers; Mr. Alexander MacMillan of *Dunmore* Writer to the Signet, Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Inverary*, Mr. Archibald Lambie at *Kilmartine*, Mr. Archibald Campbell at *Northknapdale* Ministers; Colonel Dougal Campbell, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Inverary*, Mr. William Wilson of *Soonhope*: From the Presbytery of *Lorn*, Mr. John MacAuly at *Lismore*, Mr. Ludovick Grant at *Ardchatton* Ministers; Mr. John Campbell of *Stonefield* Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Mull*, Mr. Hector MacLean and Mr. Niel MacLeod Ministers; Hector MacLean of *Torloisk* Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Dunkeld*, Mr. Patrick Simson at *Clunie*, Mr. Robert Anderson at *Kinloch*, Mr. Thomas Bisset at *Logierate*, Mr. James Hunter at *Auchtergaven* Ministers; his Grace the Duke of *Athole*, The Right Honourable the Earl of *Breadalbine*, Ruling Elders: From the Presbytery of *Perth*, Mr. James Oswald at *Methven*, Mr. David Black at *Perth*, Mr. William Taylor at *Rhind*, Mr. Andrew Gray at *Abernethy* Ministers; Mr. John Belsches of *Innermay*, Mr. John Swinton Advocate, Ruling Elders: From the Presbytery of *Stirling*, Mr. James Frame at *Alloa*, Mr. William Forbes at *Airth* Ministers; the Right Honourable Lord Justice Clerk, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Stirling*, John Jeffray Merchant in *Stirling*: From the Presbytery of *Auchterarder*, Mr. Robert Drummond at *Auchterarder*, Mr. Andrew Ramsay at *Madderty*, Mr. Alexander Smith at *Dunning*, Ministers; John Caw in *Milnab*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Dumblane*, Mr. John Robertson at *Dumblane*, Mr. Robert Brown at *Tulliallan*, Ministers; Mr. George Abercrombie of *Tullibody* Ruling Elder:

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From the Preſbytery of *Dunfermline*, Mr. Robert Stark at *Kinroſs*, Mr. James Bathgate at *Dalgetty*, Mr. Robert Liſton at *Aberdour*, Miniſters; Sir George Preſton of *Valleyfield*, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Kirkcaldy*, Mr. David Marſhal at *Kirkcaldy*, Mr. William Currie at *Kinglaſſie*, Mr. John Moody *junior* at *Portmoak*, Miniſters; Mr. James Hutton, RulingElder: Burgh of *Kirkcaldy* Dr. Robert White of *Bennochie*: Burgh of *Burntiſland*, Mr. Samuel Charters Writer in *Edinburgh*: From the Preſbytery of *Coupar*, Mr. William Gourlay at *Flisk*, Mr. Michael Greenlaw at *Creich*, Mr. William Gib at *Kilmenie*, Mr. George Simſon at *Falkland*, Miniſters; The Right Honourable the Earl of *Leven*, Mr. Barclay of *Pitachope*, Ruling Elders: From the Preſbytery of *St. Andrews*, Mr. James Walker at *Leuchars*, Mr. James Smith at *Newburn*, Mr. James Burn at *Forgan*, Mr. Andrew Waddel at *Anſtruther Weſter*, Miniſters; John Wilſon Writer in *St. Andrews*, Laurence Adamſon Library Keeper to the Univerſity of *St. Andrews*, Ruling Elders: Univerſity of *St. Andrews*, Mr. William Wilkie Profeſſor of Philoſophy therein: From the Preſbytery of *Meigle*, Mr. John Robertſon at *Alyth*, Mr. James Spankie at *Coupar*, Mr. David Thomſon at *Airly*, Miniſters; John Murray of *Lintroſe*, Eſq; Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Forfar*, Dr. John Ker at *Forfar*, Mr. George Ogilvie at *Cortachie* Miniſters; Mr. George Dempſter of *Dunichen*, Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Dundee*, Mr. James Miln at *Kinnaird*, Mr. David Scot at *Auchterhouſe*, Mr. Robert Small at *Dundee*; Miniſters; Patrick Yeaman preſent Provoſt of *Dundee*, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Dundee*, Mr. John Fordyce Merchant in *Edinburgh*: From the Preſbytery of *Aberbrothwick*, Mr. John Aitken at *St. Vigians*, Mr. Alexander Chapline at *Kinnell*, Miniſters; John Maule of *Inverkeillor* Eſq; one of the Barons of Exchequer, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Brechine*, Mr. David Blair at *Brechine*, Mr. George Wilſon at *Kinnaird*, Mr. James Lauder at *Dun*, Miniſters: the Right Honourable the Earl of *Northesk*, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Fordoun*, Mr. Alexander Shank at *Arbuthnot*, Mr. Alexander Forbes at *Fettereſſo*, Mr. Robert Allardice at *Glenbervie*, Miniſters: From the Preſbytery of *Aberdeen*, Mr. John Lumſden Profeſſor of Divinity in the King's College of *Aberdeen*, Mr. James Nicolſon at *Banchory Devonick*, Mr. John King at *Dyce*, Mr. John Farquhar at *Nigg*, Miniſters; the Right Honourable the Lord *Preſtongrange*, Provoſt John Duncan late Provoſt of *Aberdeen*, Ruling Elders: From the Preſbytery of *Kincardinoniel*, Mr. William Abel at *Kincardinoniel*, Mr. Murdoch MacLennan at *Crathie*, Mr. John Ogilvie at *Midmar*, Miniſters: From the Preſbytery of *Alford*, Mr James MacWilliam at *Forbes*, Mr. George William-Algernoon Gordon at *Tullieſle*, Mr. Robert Finlay at *Clat*, Miniſters; Mr. John Duncan Schoolmaſter at *Achindoir*, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Garioch*, Mr.

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Alexander Turing at *Oyne*, Mr. Alexander Gordon at *Kintore*, Mr. Patrick Simpson at *Inverury*, Ministers; Mr. David Dalrymple Advocate, Procurator for the Church, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Fordyce*, Mr. Walter Morison, at *Deskford*, Mr. James Ogilvie at *Ordiquhill*, Ministers; The Right Honourable the Lord *Edgefield*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Strathbogie*, Mr. Alexander Chalmers at *Cairny*, Mr. Rodger Moodie at *Gartly*, Ministers; Mr. Cosmo Gordon Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Aberlour*, Mr. Hugh Grant at *Knockandow*, Mr. John Grant at *Dundurcus*, Ministers; JsaacGrant Writer in *Edinburgh*, Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Forres*, Mr. James Munro at *Kinloss*, Mr. Duncan Shaw at *Rafford*, Ministers; James Fraser Merchant in *Forres*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Chanonry*, Mr. John Wood at *Rosemarkie*, Mr. Hary Gordon at *Arderfier*, Ministers; Mr. James Robertson, Professor of oriental Languages in the University of *Edinburgh*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Dingwal*, Mr. Andrew Robertson at *Kiltearn*, Mr. John MacLennan at *Contane*, Ministers; Mr. Albert Munro of *Coull*, Ruling Elder; with the most Honourable the Marquis of *Tweeddale*, the most Honourable the Marquis of *Lothian*, Sir Gilbert Elliot of *Minto*, Alexander Fraser of *Strichen*, Esq; and James Veitch of *Ellioch*, Esq; three of the Senators of the College of Justice, Ruling Elders: To be Commissioners of this General Assembly, to the Effects after-mentioned; with Power to the said Commissioners or their Quorum, which is hereby declared to be any Thirty one of the said Commissioners, whereof Twenty one are always to be Ministers, to meet and conveen within the Assembly-house at *Edinburgh*, the first Day after the Dissolution of this Assembly, at ten of the Clock in the Forenoon; and thereafter, the second *Wednesday* of *August*, third *Wednesday* of *November*, and the first *Wednesday* of *March* next to come, and oftner, when and where they shall think fit and convenient, with Power to the said Commissioners to chuse their own Moderator: And likeways, the General Assembly fully impowers their said Commissioners, or their Quorum above-mentioned, to cognosce and finally determine, as they shall see Cause, in every Matter referred, or that shall be referred to them, by any Act or Order of this Assembly, and to do every Thing contained in, and conform to the Instructions given, or to be given by this Assembly; and to advert to the Interest of the Church on every Occasion, that the Church, and present Establishment thereof, do not suffer or sustain any Prejudice which they can prevent, as they will be answerable: Providing always, that this general Clause be not extended to particular Affairs, or Processes before Synods or Presbyteries, that are not of universal Concern to, or Influence upon, the whole Church. And it is hereby appointed, that no private

Proceſſes be determined, except at the four ſtated Diets; and what ſhall be determined at one Diet of the Commiſſion, with Relation to private Cauſes, ſhall be unalterable by any other Diet thereof, and ſhall ſtand and continue in Force 'till diſapproven by the General Aſſembly. And the General Aſſembly renews the Inſtructions given by the General Aſſembly in the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventeen, to their Commiſſion, and appoints the ſame to ſtand in full Force, as Inſtructions to the Commiſſioners before-named, and to be obſerved by them in all Points, as if the ſame were ſpecially here inſert; and that they inquire into the publiſhing and ſpreading of Books and Pamphlets, tending towards the promoting of Opinions of whatever Kind, inconſiſtent with our *Confeſſion of Faith*; and that the Recommenders of ſuch Books or Pamphlets, or the Errors therein contained, whether by Word, Writ or Print, be called before the ſaid Commiſſion to anſwer for the ſame. And further, the ſaid Commiſſion is hereby impowered to receive any References and Appeals that ſhall be made to them from Synods, in Matters of Doctrine, and ripen ſuch Affairs for the General Aſſembly; and to contribute what they can to the ſuppreſſing of Vice and Immorality, and give all needful Advice and Aſſiſtance to Synods and Preſbyteries, upon Application to them for that End: Likeways to take Care that the Impreſſions of the *Holy Scriptures*, the *Confeſſion of Faith*, and *Catechiſms*, and ſuch Books as are authoriſed by this Church, relating to the Doctrine, Worſhip, Diſcipline and Government thereof, be correct; and give Directions about printing the ſame. And the ſaid Comiſſioners are appointed and impowered to keep a Correſpondence with the Committee for Reformation of the *Highlands* and *Iſlands*, for ſuppreſſing Popery and Superſtition, and for promoting the Knowledge of true Religion, and carrying on a Reformation in theſe Parts, and give Aſſiſtance and Concurrence therein; and, if Need be, to apply to the Government for a proper Remedy and ſpeedy Redreſs. And the ſaid Commiſſioners are hereby ſtrictly prohibited and diſcharged to meddle in any other Matters than what are committed and referred to them, as above-mentioned: And, in all their Actings, they are to proceed according to the Acts and Conſtitution of this Church, and to do nothing contrary thereto, or to the Prejudice of the ſame; declaring, that in, and for all their Actings, they ſhall be accountable to, and cenſurable by the next General Aſſembly, as they ſhall ſee Cauſe. And the General Aſſembly appoints the ſaid Commiſſioners particularly to obſerve the Acts of the General Aſſemblies 1712, and 1719, reſpecting the Application of the public Money, which two Acts are printed among the Acts of laſt Aſſembly. And this Commiſſion is to continue and endure until another Commiſſion be appointed; and Members are required to attend the Diets of the ſaid Commiſſion, and Abſents therefrom are ordered to be noticed, according to the 17th Act

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of the General Aſſembly, held in the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſix. And for the better ſecuring of a Quorum, and Attendance of Members on the Commiſſion, the General Aſſembly prohibits the Preſbytery of *Edinburgh*, or any other Preſbytery within twelve Miles thereof, to meet on any of the Days or Weeks appointed for the Meetings of this Commiſſion; and ſuch of the Members of theſe Preſbyteries as are on the Commiſſion, are required, all of them, to give Attendance on the Diets thereof; and the Preſbyteries at a greater Diſtance, who have four or more Members on the Commiſſion, are to take Care that at leaſt two of them attend each Diet of the ſame: And the Aſſembly appoint their Commiſſion, at their firſt Meeting, to diſcuſs as many of the Cauſes and Queſtions relative to the Settlement of vacant Churches, which are or ſhall be referred to them by the Aſſembly, as they can overtake. And it is further provided, that when any Preſbytery or Synod of this Church ſhall decline to comply with the Sentences of the Commiſſion, or to give the ſame a full Execution, in that Caſe the Commiſſion is hereby prohibited to execute the ſame, by appointing any ſuch correſpondent Meetings, as has been ſometimes the Practice; but ſhall allow the ſame to ly over to the enſuing Aſſembly, to which ſuch Preſbyteries or Synods ſhall be anſwerable for ſuch their Conduct, and are hereby appointed to ſend up with their Commiſſioners their Reaſons for the ſame. And the Aſſembly doth further impower and direct the ſaid Commiſſion, to make due Application to the King and Parliament, for Redreſs of the Grievance of Patronage, in caſe a favourable Opportunity for ſo doing ſhall occur during the Subſiſtence of this Commiſſion. And the General Aſſembly do enjoin their Commiſſion, that in paſſing their Sentences, and in ordering the Execution of the ſame, they ſtrictly obſerve the 12th Act of the Aſſembly 1736.

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Commiſſion to ſome Miniſters and Ruling Elders for Reformation of the *Highlands* and *Iſlands*, and for managing his Majeſty's Royal Bounty for that End.

Edinburgh, May 1ſt, 1762. *Seſſ. ult.*

THE General Aſſembly do hereby nominate and appoint the Reverend Dr. *Robert Traill*, Profeſſor of Divinity in the College of *Glaſgow*, their Moderator, Dr. *William Robertſon*, Principal of the College of *Edinburgh*, Dr. *William Leechman*, Principal of the College of *Glaſgow*, Mr. *James Muiriſon*, Principal

cipal of the New College of *St. Andrews*, Mr. *Thomas Tullideph*, Principal of the united Colleges of *St. Salvator* and *St. Leonard* in the Univerſity of *St. Andrews*, Dr. *Robert Hamilton*, Profeſſor of Divinity in the College of *Edinburgh*, Dr. *Patrick Cuming*, Profeſſor of Church-hiſtory in the ſaid College, and one of the Miniſters of *Edinburgh*, Mr. *Andrew Shaw*, Profeſſor of Divinity in the New College of *St. Andrews*, Mr. *John Lumſden*, Profeſſor of Divinity in the King's College of *Aberdeen*, Mr. *Alexander Gerard*, Profeſſor of Divinity in the Mariſhal College of *Aberdeen*, all the Miniſters Members of the Preſbytery of *Edinburgh*, Dr. *Alexander Carlyle* at *Inverask*, Mr. *Joſeph MacCormick* at *Temple*, Mr. *David Johnſton* at *Langtoun*, Mr. *Robert Brown* at *Tulliallan*, Mr. *John Clark* at *Stornavoy*, Mr. *Angus MacNiel* at *South-Uiſt*, Mr. *James Robertſon* at *Lochbroom*, Mr. *John Sutherland* at *Halkirk*, Mr. *Hugh Mowat* at *Evie*, Mr. *Thomas Hepburn* at *Birſay*, Mr. *John Mill* at *Dunroſſneſs*, Mr. *John Dryſdale* at *Kirkliſton*, Mr. *Hugh Ballantine* at *Dirleton*, Mr. *Adam Murray* at *Abbay St. Bathans*, Mr. *John Bell* at *Gordon*, Mr. *John Dickie* at *Langholm*, Mr. *James Lorimer* at *Mouſwald*, Mr. *John Collow* at *Penpont*, Mr. *Harry Grieve* at *Twynholm*, Mr. *Thomas Muiter* at *Leſſwalt*, Mr. *James Hunter* at *Auchtergaven*, Mr. *David Shaw* at *Coylton*, Mr. *William Lindſay* at *Cambray*, Mr. *John Warner* at *Kilbarchan*, Mr. *Robert Park* at *Old-Monkland*, Mr. *John Bradefute* at *Dunſyre*, Mr. *John Gillies* at *Glaſgow*, Mr. *Duncan MacFarlane* at *Drymen*, Mr. *John Melvill* at *Dunoon*, Mr. *Archibald Campbell* at *North Knapdale*, Mr. *John M'Aulay* at *Liſmore*, Mr. *Niel M'Leod* at *Mull*, Mr. *Patrick Simſon* at *Clunie*, Mr. *Thomas Biſſet* at *Logierate*, Mr. *John Robertſon* at *Dumblane*, Mr. *Robert Drummond* at *Auchterarder*, Mr *David Marſhal* at *Kirkcaldy*, Mr *Michael Greenlaw* at *Creich*, Mr. *David Blair* at *Brechin*, Mr. *George-William-Algernoon Gordon* at *Tullineſle*, Mr. *Alexander Gordon* at *Kintore*, Mr. *Patrick Simſon* at *Inverury*, Mr. *Duncan Shaw* at *Rafford*, Mr. *Walter Morriſon* at *Deskford*, Mr. *Alexander Chalmers* at *Cairnie*, Mr. *James Munro* at *Kinloſs*, Mr. *Harry Gordon* at *Arderſier*, Mr. *John MacLennan* at *Contane*, Mr. *Archibald Lambie* at *Kilmartine*, Miniſters; his Grace the Duke of *Athole*, the Right Honourable the Earl of *Breadalbine*, the Right Honourable the Earl of *Leven*, the Right Honourable *Robert Dundaſs* of *Arniſton*, Lord Preſident of the Court of Seſſion, the Right Honourable the Lord Juſtice Clerk, *Alexander Frazer* of *Strichen*, Eſq; *William Grant* of *Preſtongrange*, Eſq; *Robert Pringle* of *Edgefield*, Eſq; *George Brown* of *Coalſtoun*, Eſq; *Alexander Boſwel* of *Auchinleck*, Eſq; *Andrew Pringle* of *Alemoor*, Eſq; ſix of the Senators of the College of Juſtice; *Thomas Miller* of *Barſkimming*, Eſq; his Majeſty's Advocate, *John Maul* of *Inverkeillor*, Eſq; one of the Barons of Exchequer, Mr. *David Dalrymple* Advocate, Procurator for the Church, Mr. *James*

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Montgomery Advocate, one of his Majesty's Sollicitors, *George Lind*, Esq; Lord Provost of *Edinburgh*, *William Sands* Bookseller in *Edinburgh*, Dr. *Matthew Stewart*, Professor of Mathematics in the College of *Edinburgh*, Bailie *James Baird*, Merchant in *Glasgow*, Mr. *Gideon Shaw* of *Laurieston*, Mr. *George Sinclair* of *Ulbster*, Sir *James Colquhoun* of *Luss*, *Hector MacLean* of *Torloisk*, Mr. *John Campbell* of *Stonefield*, Advocate, Mr. *Cosmo Gordon* Advocate, Mr. *Alexander Murray* Advocate, Mr. *George Wallace* Advocate, Mr. *Andrew Crosbie* Advocate, Mr. *John Swinton* Advocate, Mr. *Alexander MacMillan* of *Dunmore* Writer to the Signet, Mr. *Alexander Orr* Writer to the Signet, *John Muir* Writer to the Signet, *Isaac Grant* Writer in *Edinburgh*, *William Ross* Writer there, *John Paton* Bookseller there, Ruling Elders, to be a Committee of this Assembly, for Reformation of the *Highlands* and *Islands* of *Scotland*, for promoting the Knowledge of true Religion, suppressing Popery and Profaneness, and for managing the Royal Bounty given for these Ends, according to, and in Terms of his Majesty's Grant to this Assembly. In Prosecution of which Purposes, the Committee are to appoint Preachers and Catechists to go to such Places as they shall find, upon due Information, to be most proper, according to his Majesty's Design, expressed in his Warrant; and, in so doing, that they have particular Regard to such Parishes in *South Uist*, *Small-Isles*, *Glenco*, *Harris*, the Countries of *Moidart*, *Glengarie* and *Lochaber*, and the other Parishes of the Synods of *Glenelg* and *Argyle*, which the Committee shall find, by Reason of their vast Extent, the Prevalency of Popery and Ignorance, and other unhappy Circumstances, to be in the greatest Distress: And they shall take Care, that the Persons they employ be certified, and found, upon due Trial, to be properly qualified for these respective Offices, of good Abilities for the same, of a pious Life and Conversation, prudent, of undoubted Loyalty to his Majesty, and of competent Skill in the Principles of Divinity, and particularly in Popish Controversies: Such Preachers and Catechists being hereby appointed to be subject to, and under the Inspection of, the Presbyteries of the Bounds to which they are sent, who are to take Care that the Orders of the Committee be duely observed by them: And the Preachers are also appointed to catechize; and both they and the Catechists to instruct the People from House to House, and to visit the Sick: And, in all their Labours among the People, to be careful to teach them the Principles and Duties of the true Christian Protestant Religion, and the Obligations they are under to Duty and Loyalty to our Sovereign King *George*, and Obedience to the Laws: And the Committee are impowered to give them such Instructions, as to their Work and Behaviour, as they shall judge meet; which Instructions the Preachers and

Catechiſts are hereby ordered to obey. The General Aſſembly do further appoint the ſaid Committee to have a particular Regard, in their Proceedings, to the Regulations agreed upon by the Committee of the Aſſembly for managing the Royal Bounty, on the 30th Day of *September* 1730, approven by ſubſequent Aſſemblies; and to take Care that Presbyteries, and others concerned, obſerve the ſame, which they are hereby ordered to do: Particularly the Aſſembly ordains the ſeveral Preſbyteries to inſert in their Regiſters the Committee's Appointments of the Deſignations, Salaries, and Stations of the ſeveral Miſſionaries, and to have an exact Regard thereto in all the Letters they ſhall write about the ſaid Miſſionaries, and in giving of Certificates to them; and to direct all their Letters, concerning Miſſionaries in their Bounds, only to the Moderator of the Committee; which Letters ſhall be ſigned, at the Appointment of the Presbytery, by the Moderator or Clerk thereof: And the Aſſembly does diſcharge any Payments to be made of the Salaries of Miſſionaries, except upon Receipts from the Miſſionaries themſelves, and upon Certificates from the Preſbyteries, bearing that they have ſerved for the Time mentioned in the Receipts. The General Aſſembly do alſo impower the ſaid Committee to apply, for the Purpoſes above mentioned, what may remain of the laſt Year's Royal Bounty not diſpoſed of, by Reaſon of any of the Miſſionaries not fulfilling the Appointments laid upon them: And they are to keep a Regiſter of their Proceedings, and likeways diſtinct Books of Accompts how the foreſaid Money is beſtowed, which ſhall be patent to any concerned, who pleaſe to inſpect the ſame. Of the Perſons above named as Members of this Committee, five are declared to be a Quorum, whereof three are to be Miniſters: But it is hereby appointed, that at the quarterly Meeting of the Committee, in which the Scheme or Eſtabliſhment of Miſſionaries for the enſuing Year is to be approved and determined, not leſs than fourteen ſhall be the Quorum, whereof nine ſhall be Miniſters, and the ſaid Committee are appointed to have their Meetings at *Edinburgh*, in the Hall of the Society in *Scotland* for propagating Chriſtian Knowledge, the laſt *Thurſday* of every Month, at four of the Clock Afternoon, and alſo the firſt lawful Day after the Adjournment of the four ſtated Diets of the Commiſſion of the General Aſſembly, at ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, except that Day ſhall fall to be *Saturday*, and then the Meeting ſhall be upon *Monday* next thereafter, at the ſaid Hour; with Power to the ſaid Committee to adjourn themſelves to ſuch Times and Places, as they ſhall find moſt needful and convenient; and they are to keep a Correſpondence with the Commiſſion of the General Aſſembly, and the Society for propagating Chriſtian Knowledge, and their Committee of Directors; and take their Advice and Aſſiſtance;

ance; and also to correspond with the Synods and Presbyteries concerned. They are likeways instructed and impowered, as they shall see Cause, to apply to the Government, or any Magistrate, for Assistance and Support in carrying on the Design of the Commission now given to them. And the General Assembly do by these Presents nominate and appoint Mr. *David Dalrymple* Advocate, Procurator for the Church, to be Receiver of the foresaid Royal Bounty, and to pay out the same as he shall be directed and ordered by the said Committee, and according to their Rules. And the said Committee are appointed to examine the Accompts of the Distribution of the Royal Bounty, and lay the same before the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, or the Barons of his Majesty's Court of Exchequer, and to report their Diligence to the General Assembly, to whom they are to be accountable. And it is agreed, that no Person once employed and insert in the Scheme shall be struck out thereof for that Year, but by the *Quorum* of at least fourteen, whereof nine to be Ministers; and in Case any Complaint shall be made against any of them on the Scheme, it shall not be determined the first ordinary Meeting that the same is offered, but shall ly on the Table till another Meeting; and in the mean Time, the Person complained of, and the Presbytery of the Bounds wherein he officiates, shall be acquainted of such Complaint, and these concerned be required to send to the said Committee a just Account of the Matter, against their next Meeting. And it is further appointed, that after the yearly Scheme of Missionaries on the Royal Bounty is settled in Manner above directed, and Notice thereof given by Letters to the Presbyteries concerned, such Presbyteries shall send up to the said Committee their Answers to these Letters, at farthest with their Commissioners to the General Assembly, if the same be not done sooner; and that the Committee, at their first Meeting after the General Assembly, shall endeavour to compleat the next Year's Scheme themselves; and if they cannot compleat it, that they shall name a Sub-committee of their Number for that Purpose, who are to lay their Draught thereof before a subsequent Meeting, which are appointed to meet as soon after the Rising of the Assembly as possible: And that the said Committee, in making up the Scheme of Missionaries, *&c.* do not exceed the Sum in the Grant.

XI.

Act appointing the Diet of the next General Assembly.

Edinburgh, May 31ſt, 1762, Seſſ. Ult.

THE next General Aſſembly of this National Church is appointed to be held in this Place, upon the 4th *Thurſday* of *May* next, being the twenty-ſixth Day of that Month, in the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty three.

Collected and extracted from the Records of the General Aſſembly, by

GEORGE WISHART, *Cls. Eccl. Scot.*

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Overture for repealing that Part of the Form of Proceſs, anent Exculpations.

Edinburgh, May 31ſt, 1762.

THE Committee for Overtures, tranſmitted an Overture for repealing that Part of the Form of Proceſs anent Exculpation, which Overture being read, the General Aſſembly agreed to tranſmit the ſame to the ſeveral Presbyteries of this Church, and appoint that they ſend up their Opinions thereon to the next General Aſſembly, of which Overture the Tenor follows, viz. The General Aſſembly conſidering that by Form of Proceſs Ch. 2. §. 13. the Judicatories of this Church are enjoined to conſider and ſuſtain the Relevancy of the Exculpation offered by the Defender, before they give Warrant to cite Witneſſes for the Proof thereof; and conſidering likewiſe, that a Practice more equitable obtained in the ſupreme, civil and criminal Courts of this Part of the united Kingdom, *viz.* that the Defender is always allowed to prove all Facts and Circumſtances, which he may apprehend to have any Tendency, either to his entire Exculpation, or to the Alleviation of the Crime charged in the Libel againſt him; and that before the Court proceed to conſider the Relevancy of the Grounds of Exculpation offered by the Defender, Therefore the General Aſſembly did, and hereby do repeal the Article in the Form of Proceſs above referred to, and

and enact and appoint all Judicatories in this Church, to grant Warrant to cite such Witnesses as the Defender, or his Procurator, shall name, for proving all Facts and Circumstances which the said Defender or his Procurator may judge to be of Use for exculpating the Defender from the Crime or Crimes libelled, or for alleviating the same, without giving any previous Judgment on the Relevancy of the Grounds or Articles of Exculpation: And further, they appoint the said Judicatories, before pronouncing final Sentence, to weigh deliberately, not only the Relevancy and Proof of the Libel, but likewise the Relevancy of the said Exculpation, and the Proof thereof.

Overture anent Members of inferior Courts judging in Causes appealed from them.

Edinburgh, May 31st, 1762.

UPON Report of the Committee for Overtures, the General Assembly agreed that the Overture transmitted by the General Assembly 1754 anent Members of inferior Courts judging in Causes appealed from them to the superior Courts, be again transmitted to the several Presbyteries of this Church, and appoint that they transmit their Opinions thereon to the next General Assembly: Of which Overture the Tenor follows, *viz. Edinburgh, June* 1st 1754. The General Assembly agreed to transmit the following Overture, transmitted to them by the Commission of the last Assembly, to the Consideration of the several Presbyteries, that they may report their Opinion thereon to the next General Assembly; which Overture is as follows, *viz.* The Commission considering, that the present Practice of this Church, whereby the Members of inferior Judicatories are excluded from judging or voting in the superior Judicatories in case of any Appeal, is contrary to the Practice of all other Courts both of Law and Equity, and in some Measure subversive of that exact Parity which is a leading Part of our Constitution, as it sometimes subjects the Sentence of the far greater Number to that of the lesser: And further, considering that, by this Means, those, who a little before acted in the Character of Judges, are obliged to stand at the Bar, on a Level with the Pannel, must enter into the Spirit and Warmth of a Party, and perhaps are condemned for no other Reason, than giving Sentence according to their best Judgment, and which they would willingly have altered upon a Review; and as it often, if not always, happens, that when the Members of inferior Courts, before whom the Cause was first tried and throughly

canvaſſed, are removed, the Affair is not ſufficiently underſtood, particularly becauſe thoſe who voted among the Minority are not allowed to aſſign any Reaſons for their Conduct, except they have entered a Complaint, which one would not chuſe to do, unleſs in a very ſtrong Caſe: And every one knows, that in the Conrſe of Reaſoning, Things frequently caſt up which perplex or miſlead the Judges, that could eaſily have been obviated or cleared up, if the Members of the inferior Courts had not been deprived of the Liberty of ſpeaking: On all theſe Accounts, and for many other obvious Reaſons, the Commiſſion propoſe, that the Aſſembly ſhould tranſmit an Overture to the Conſideration of the ſeveral Presbyteries, for allowing the Members of inferior Judicatories to ſit, judge and vote in the ſuperior Courts. in Caſes of Appeals, as they do at preſent in the Caſe of a Reference.

Overture anent ſending up Opinions on Overtures tranſmitted by the Aſſembly.

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The Reverend Dr. *George Wishart* Principal Clerk to the Assembly excused from not attending this Assembly, on Account of an Accident he met with, which confined him to the House, and the Reverend Mr. *James Hogg* Minister at *Linlithgow* authorised to act for him as Clerk, during the Course of this Assembly. *Ibid.*

The Reverend Dr. Robert Traill Professor of Divinity in the University of *Glasgow*, was chosen Moderator, and at the Assembly's Desire took the Chair. *Ibid.*

The King's Commission to *Charles* Lord *Cathcart*, to represent his Majesty's royal Person in this Assembly, read and recorded. *Ibid.*

The King's most Gracious Letter to this Assembly, read, and recorded. *Ibid.*

The Commissioner's Speech at opening this Assembly, and the Moderator's Speech in Return thereto. *Ibid.*

The Royal Warrant for 1000 *l.* granted this Year by his Majesty, for Encouragement of Itinerant Preachers and Catechists for Reformation of the *Highlands* and *Islands*, read and recorded. *Ibid.*

A Committee named for answering the King's Letter. *Ibid.*

A Motion for addressing the King and Queen on the happy Event of their Marriage, agreed to, and the foresaid Committee appointed to prepare the Draughts of the said Addresses. *Ibid.*

A Committee named to consider that Part of his Grace the Commissioner's

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The Act 7th of the Aſſembly 1718, for the better Diſpatch of the Buſineſs of the Aſſembly, read, and the Obſervation thereof enjoined. *Ibid.*

Miniſters named to preach before his Grace the King's Commiſſioner. *Ibid.*

A Motion for addreſſing her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs Dowager of *Wales*, on the happy Event of the King's Marriage, agreed to, and the Committee named to prepare the Addreſſes to the King and Queen, appointed to prepare the Addreſs to her Royal Highneſs, *May* 22d, *Seſſ.* 3d.

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A Committee named to reviſe the Regiſter of the Actings and Proceedings of the Commiſſion of the late General Aſſembly, audite the Procurator and Agent's Accompts, conſider the State of the publick Money, and prepare Overtures about the ſame. *Ibid.*

A Committee named to reviſe the Regiſter of the Committee appointed by laſt Aſſembly for managing the Royal Bounty, for Reformation of the *Highlands* and *Iſlands*. *Ibid.*

Committees named for reviſing the Synod Books of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, *Merſe* and *Teviotdale*, *Argyle*, and *Aberdeen*. *Ibid.*

The Synod Books of *Glenelg*, *Sutherland* and *Caithneſs*, *Orkney*, *Dumfries*, *Galloway*, *Glaſgow* and *Air*, *Perth* and *Stirling*, *Fife*, *Angus* and *Mearns*, *Moray*, *Roſs*, and Presbytery Book of *Zetland* abſent, and reſolved that the Reaſons thereof be enquired into. *Ibid.*

The Committee for Overtures, appointed to receive in from the ſeveral Members, any Inſtructions given to them by their reſpective Synods or Presbyteries, claſs the Matters therein contained, and prepare Overtures thereupon to the Aſſemby. *Ibid.*

An Appeal by the Right Honourable the Earl of *Galloway* and others, Tutors for his Grace the Duke of *Hamilton* and

Brandon, and Patron of the Parish of *Bothwel*, and who had granted a Presentation to Mr. *James Baillie* Minister at *Shotts*, to be Minister of the Parish of *Bothwel*, from a Sentence of the Presbytery of *Hamilton*, delaying to give a final Judgment in the Affair of Mr. *Baillie's* Transportation from *Shotts* to *Bothwel*, heard, and the Affair remitted to the Presbytery of *Hamilton*, to proceed to the Translation of Mr. *Baillie* the Presentee, from the Parish of *Shotts* to the Parish of *Bothwel* with all convenient Dispatch, according to the Rules of the Church; and the Commission impowered to take in, cognosce, and finally determine in any Question that may be regularly brought before them, relative to the Settlement of the Parish of *Bothwel*, *May* 24th, *Sess.* 4.

A Petition for the established School-masters in *Scotland*, praying for a general Collection to enable them to establish a Fund for a Provision to their Widows and Children, and to apply to Parliament for an Act to that Purpose, read and remitted to the Committee for considering what concerns the building and repairing of Kirks and Manses, and obtaining legal Schools where they are wanting, and a Recommendation to the said Committee, to consider if any other Method can be fallen upon, more effectually to relieve the Petitioners, than that proposed in their Petition. *Ibid.*

A Committee named to consider the several Applications for a Share of the public money, and to Report their Opinion thereon to the Assembly. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee named to consider that Part of the Commissioner's Speech, relating to the building and repairing of Kirks and Manses, and obtaining legal Schools where wanting, called for, and given in, bearing as their Opinion, that in Pursuance of the Recommendation of his Majesty's high Commissioner, the Assembly ought to enjoin the several Presbyteries of this Church, furthwith to carry into Execution the Acts of Parliament for building and repairing of Kirks and Manses, and settling Schools in the several Parishes in their Bounds, and that the Assembly name a Committee, with whom the Presbyteries are to correspond, and receive Directions as Occasion may require; and that the several Presbyteries report their Proceedings to the next General Assembly; and that the Procurator and Agent for the Church, be appointed to carry on such Processes as may be necessary for the above Purpose at the publick Charge: The above Report and Opinion read and approven of, but the enactin art of it, and naming the Committee therein proposed, delayed till *Friday*, and a Recommendation to the Committee to prepare the Form of a proper Return to be made to his Grace the Commissioner on the Subject. *May* 25th *Sess.* 5th.

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The Report of the ſaid Committee reſpecting the Petition for the eſtabliſhed School-maſters, with their Opinion on that Petition, brought in and read; the Conſideration thereof delayed till *Friday* next, and a Recommendation to the Committee to prepare the proper Form of a Repreſentation to be made to his Grace the Commiſſioner on this Subject. *Ibid.*

A Sentence of the Synod of *Fife*, affirming a Judgment of the Presbytery of *Coupar*, refuſing to ſuſtain and concur with a Preſentation and Call in Favours of Mr. *Thomas Muiter*, Miniſter at *Leſſwalt*, to be Miniſter at *Auchtermuchty*, reverſed, the ſaid Call ſuſtained, and a Remit to the Presbytery to proceed in the neceſſary Steps towards his Tranſportation from *Leſſwalt*, and his Admiſſion in the Pariſh of *Auchtermuchty*, with all convenient Speed, according to the Rules of the Church; and the Commiſſion impowered to take in, cognoſce, and finally determine in any Complaint, Reference, or Appeal that ſhall regularly be brought before them, relative to the Settlement of the Pariſh of *Auchtermuchty*. *Ibid.*

A Repreſentation, by Mr. *Robert Turnbull* Miniſter at *Sprouſton*, to the Synod of *Merſe* and *Teviotdale*, for Advice reſpecting a Proceſs at his Inſtance, for recovering certain Teinds dilapidated in his Pariſh, with a Reference thereof by the Synod to the Aſſembly, brought in, and remitted to the Committee for conſidering the Applications for a Share of the publick Money. *Ibid.*

Act appointing the Act of Parliament againſt murdering of Children, to be read from the Pulpits of each Pariſh in this Church, at leaſt twice every Year. *May* 26th, *Seſſ.* 6th.

The Report of the Truſtees of the Fund for a Proviſion to Miniſters Widows, *&c.* brought in, and ordered to ly on the Table till another Diet. *Ibid.*

The Draughts of Addreſſes to the King, Queen, and Princeſs Dowager of *Wales*, brought in and approven, and his Grace the Commiſſioner was pleaſed, at the Aſſembly's Requeſt, to undertake to tranſmit the ſame. *Ibid.*

A Committee named to conſider Overtures from the Synod of *Galloway*, and *Angus* and *Mearns*, and Presbyteries of *Haddington* and *Dalkeith*, relative to the Window-tax. *Ibid.*

An Appeal of Mr. *John Mac Alpine*, Miniſter of the *Lowland* Congregation of *Campbelton*, and Mr. *David Campbell* Miniſter at *Southend*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Argyle*, pronounced on the 6th of *Auguſt* laſt, whereby they at that Time waved the Conſideration of the Appellants paſt Behaviour, unanimouſly reſolved, to adhere to the Acts of the Synod in the Year 1754 and 1755, whereby the Sermons upon the *Saturday* before, and *Monday* after, the Sacrament, are appointed to be diſcontinued, and appointing the Appellants to Conduct themſelves accordingly in Time coming, heard,

heard, the Desire of the Appellants granted, and they allowed to have Sermon on the *Saturday* before the Celebration of the Sacrament, as they shall see it for the Interest of Religion, and ends of Edification. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee named to consider the Overtures anent the Window Tax, called for, and given in, bearing as their Opinion that the general Assembly should appoint a Committee with full Powers to apply to Parliament in Name of the Assembly, for an Exemption from the Window Tax, if they shall see Cause, and to take all such preparatory Steps as shall be prudent or necessary; in order to carry that Application into Execution, and to report their Diligence to the next general Assembly. The said Report and Opinion read, and unanimously approven of, and a Committee named for the Purpose above-mentioned. *May 27th Sess.* 7th.

An Appeal of Mr. *Robert Dalrymple* Minister at *Dallas*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Moray*, affirming a Sentence of the Presbytery of *Forres*, whereby they deposed him from the Office of the holy Ministry, heard, and the Consideration thereof delayed till To-morrow. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Visitors of the Commission Book given in and read, the Commission's Conduct approven of, the Assembly's Thanks given from the Chair to the Moderator of the Commission, for their Faithfulness and Diligence in the Affairs committed to them, and their Book ordered to be attested. *May 28th Sess.* 8th

The following Affairs depending before the Commission of last Assembly, and not determined by them, referred to the Commission of this Assembly, *viz.* Appeal of *James Ballantyne* of *Priesthoup*. A Petition for *James Lawrie* in *Dughlie*. An Appeal of *Robert Stevenson* Merchant in *Borrowstounness*. A Memorial for the Synod of *Dumfries* for Advice.--- An Overture anent the Time that Students shall attend the Colleges of Philosophy and Divinity, in order to their being admitted to Trials for being licensed as Probationers.---To prepare an Overture anent the Right and Power of ordained Assistants and Successors to infirm Ministers.--- To prepare an Overture anent repealing the 13th Act of the Assembly 1732, so far as to make it lawful for Presbyteries, not only to take Tryals and serve the Edict, but to proceed to the Ordination or Admission, notwithstanding of any Appeal to the contrary, in such Cases only where the Opposition is small. An Overture anent the Execution of Sentences of the supreme Courts.-- To draw Rules stating the Method of Procedure in Causes before the Assembly.---To consider the Power of Kirk-Sessions in the Management of the Poors Money.--- To consider a Reference from the Synod of *Glasgow* and *Air*, anent the Session of *Cambuslang*. *Ibid.*

Reference

Reference to the Committee for Overtures to enquire into the Extent of the Sum collected, in Virtue of an Act of laſt Aſſembly, for the Education of Students having the *Galick* Language, and to draw proper Regulations for the Diſpoſal of that Money. *Ibid.*

The Members from the ſeveral Synods appointed to meet among themſelves, in order to bring in a Liſt of the Nominators of the Commiſſion according to the 6th Act of Aſſembly 1705. *Ibid.*

Act againſt the Dilapidation of Stipends, and for aſcertaining the Extent of Glebes. *Ibid.*

An Overture, That the Aſſembly ſhould addreſs his Majeſty that he would be graciouſly pleaſed to order, that ſuch Regiments as are levied in *North-Britain*, may have Presbyterian Chaplains, read, and remitted to the Committee anent building and repairing of Kirks, Manſes, *&c. Ibid.*

The Accompts of the Procurator and Agent for the Church, with the Report of the Committee on the public Accompts thereon, brought in, and ordered to lye on the Table till another Diet. *Ibid.*

The Appeal of Mr. *Robert Dalrymple* Miniſter at *Dallas*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Moray*, (mentioned in Minutes of Yeſterday) called, the Sentences of the Preſbytery of *Forres* and Synod of *Moray*, depoſing the ſaid Mr. *Robert Dalrymple* from the Office of the holy Miniſtry. reverſed, leaving it to the Preſbytery to proceed of new by Way of Libel againſt the Appellant, as they ſhall ſee Cauſe; and, if they ſhall proceed in a new Proceſs, that they allow him a full Proof of all Facts and Circumſtances that may tend either to exculpate or alleviate. *Ibid.*

A Reference from the Preſbytery of *Paiſley*, of a Caſe brought before them, anent the Tranſportation of Mr. *John Witherſpoon*, from *Paiſley* to *Dundee*; with an Appeal by the Magiſtrates, Town-council, Town-ſeſſion, and Incorporations of *Paiſley*, Oppoſers of the Tranſportation, from the foreſaid Reference of the Preſbytery, heard, the ſaid Mr. *John Witherſpoon* continued at *Paiſley*, and his Tranſportation from thence to *Dundee* refuſed. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee named to conſider what concerns the building and repairing of Manſes and Kirks, and to draw a proper Repreſentation to be made to his Grace the King's Commiſſioner, on that Subject, read and approven. The Committee on the Window Tax appointed to correſpond with, and give Directions to the ſeveral Preſbyteries, as Occaſion may require, in executing the Acts of Parliament for building and repairing Kirks and Manſes, and ſettling Schools in the ſeveral Pariſhes. The Moderator's Addreſs to the Commiſſioner on this Subject, and in Behalf of the

eſtabliſhed Schoolmaſters, praying, that if it ſhall be found neceſſary to apply to Parliament for increaſing their preſent Salaries, his Majeſty will be graciouſly pleaſed to give ſuch Countenance to that Application as to his royal Wiſdom ſhall ſeem proper. His Grace the King's Commiſſioner's Return to the ſaid Repreſentation, promiſing to report the ſame to his Majeſty. *May 29th, Seſſ. 9th.*

The Report of the Committee named to conſider the Overture anent addreſſing his Majeſty, to order that ſuch Regiments as are levied in *North-Britain* may have Preſbyterian Chaplains, given in, bearing as their Opinion, that it is improper to addreſs his Majeſty on the Subject, but that other Methods may be thought of to attain the End in View; the ſaid Report and Opinion read, and approven of. *Ibid.*

Overture for adding a Clauſe to the Act of this Aſſembly againſt Dilapidation of Stipends, read and approven, and the Clauſe added accordingly. *Ibid.*

A Liſt of the Members from the ſeveral Synods brought in, and appointed as a Committee to name the Members of the Commiſſion of this Aſſembly, and prepare Inſtructions to them. *Ibid.*

Report of the Viſitors of the Royal Bounty Regiſter given in, and ordered to lye on the Table till *Monday*. *Ibid.*

A Memorial by the Preſbytery of *Dunkeld*, anent repairing the Kirk of *Dunkeld*, and applying for a Part of the Biſhop-rents to defray the Expence of the Reparation, referred to a Committee, and they are authoriſed, if they ſee Cauſe, to apply to the Barons of Exchequer, for a Part of the Biſhop-rents to be applyed for the Purpoſe above-mentioned. *Ibid.*

A Letter from his Serene Highneſs the Prince of *Naſſau-Saarbruck*, to Dr. *Chandler* at *London*, and by him tranſmitted to this Aſſembly; deſiring that the Money collected, in Virtue of a Recommendation of laſt Aſſembly, for Relief of the Proteſtant Congregation in *Saarbruck*, might be tranſmitted thither; and as the Sum propoſed by laſt Aſſembly to be given was too ſmall, praying a further Collection may be made, read, a Committee named to inquire into the Extent of the Sum collected, in Virtue of the Remmendation of laſt Aſſembly, and a Copy of that Recommendation ordered to be tranſmitted to Dr. *Chandler* to be by him ſent to the Prince of *Naſſau-Saarbruck*. *Ibid.*

A Petition for the Synod of *Merſe* and *Teviotdale*, for Advice in a Cauſe before them, anent repairing the Kirk of *Kelſo*; in which Cauſe, the Synod appointed the Preſbytery of *Kelſo* to proceed to a regular Viſitation of the Kirk, betwixt and the firſt of *July* next; againſt which the Preſbytery entered an Appeal, but afterwards dropt it; and the Heretors obtained an Advocation of the Cauſe to the Court of Seſſion, given

ven in, and read, the Procurator and Agent for the Church appointed *quam primum* to call for the Advocation, and get the Reaſons thereof diſcuſſed—The Power of the Synod to enjoin Presbyteries to do their Duty with reſpect to Viſitation of Churches according to Law, aſſerted. *Ibid.*

A Petition and Repreſentation by the Presbytery of *Strathbogie*, complaining of the Managers of the Royal Bounty, for withdrawing the Itinerancies from the *Enzie* and from *Ruthven*, and praying both theſe may be reſtored.---A Repreſentation by the Miniſter and Kirk Seſſion of *Belly* to the Presbytery of *Strathbogie*, with the Presbytery's Recommendation thereof to the Synod, and the Synod's Recommendation of the ſame to the Aſſembly, complaining of the withdrawing of the Itinerancy from the *Enzie*, and craving it may be reſtored.---Two Petitions from the Presbytery of *Fordyce*, the one complaining of withdrawing the Salary for the Miſſionary in the *Enzie*, and the other for withdrawing the Salary to the Itinerant at *Portſoy*, and praying the Aſſembly may recommend to the Committee for managing the Royal Bounty, to continue an Itinerant at *Portſoy*, and to catechiſe in the *Enzie*.--The foreſaid Petitions and Repreſentations read, and refuſed. *Ibid.*

The Committee for managing the Royal Bounty appointed to continue the five Perſons who were employed by them laſt Year as School-maſters, to be employed now as Catechiſts, recommending to them to employ ſuch Time, as they can ſpare from their Buſineſs, as Catechiſts in teaching ſuch Parts of Literature, as may be uſeful to prepare ſuch Perſons for the Univerſity as have a View to be Students of Divinity. *May* 31ſt, *Seſſ. ult.*

A Motion, that the Sum of 30*l. Sterling* of the Intereſt of the Money collected for the *Enzie* ſhould be paid to Mr. *Youngſon*, the Itinerant employed there ſince *Martinmaſs* laſt, and for officiating therein till *Whitſunday* next; and that the Sum of 10*l.* of the foreſaid Intereſt be paid to Mr *Robert Ogilvie* Catechiſt preſently employed there; approved of, and the foreſaid two Sums ordered to be paid, and a Committee named to accumulate the remaining Intereſt with the principal Sum into one Capital, and to lend out the Whole upon Bond to the beſt Advantage. *Ibid.*

A Petition from the Presbytery of *Meigle*, in Behalf of the Miniſter of *Ruthven*, read, and remitted to the Committee for managing rhe Royal Bounty. *Ibid.*

Act and Recommendation for a general Collection in the ſeveral Churches in *Scotland* to the Society in *Scotland* for propagating *Chriſtian* Knowledge among the *North American Indians*.-----The Collection to be made in the Bounds of the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, on the firſt *Sabbath* of *February* next, leaving it to the other Presbyteries to name a Day

a Day that they ſhall judge moſt proper to anſwer the Purpoſe. ——The Money collected appointed to be tranſmitted to *John Davidſon*, Writer to the Signet, Treaſurer to the ſaid Society: and the ſeveral Presbyteries appointed to report their Diligence to their reſpective Synods. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commiſſion to give Advice to the Presbytery of *Dunkeld*, concerning one *Donald Drummond*, who cohabites with *Grizel Cuniſon* as his Wife, though there is no Evidence of the Death of *Janet Stuart* his former Wife *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee named to conſider the Applications for a Share of the public Money, given in, read, and approven of; and the following Sums ordered to be immediately paid to the Perſons after-mentioned, *viz.* To Mr. *John Clark* Commiſſioner from the Presbytery of *Lewis*, Mr. *Angus MacNiel* Commiſſioner from the Presbytery of *Uiſt*, and Mr. *William Mitchel* Commiſſioner from the Presbytery of *Zetland*, the Sum of 5 *l.* each of *viaticum*, for their Attendance on this Aſſembly; to Mr. *Thomas Hepburn* Miniſter at *Birſay*, the Sum of 10 *l.* for his Attendance on this Aſſembly, and for indemnifying him of certain Expences he was put to about the Reparation of his Manſe. — The Perſons after-named to be Creditors on the public Funds, for the Sums after-mentioned, to be paid after the Debts already due by the Church are cleared, *viz.* Mr. *Patrick Simpſon* at *Inverury* 40 *l.*----Mr. *William Anderſon* at *Manner*, 40 *l.* in caſe the Court of Seſſion give him no Coſts at finiſhing his Proceſs depending before them; and if they give Expences, the Sum allowed by them to be imputed *pro tanto* as Part of the ſaid 40 *l.*——Mr. *Thomas Turnbull* at *Sprouſton*, 20 *l.*--Mr. *Thomas Fraſer* at *Boleskine*, 25 *l.*--Mr. *Anarew Murray* at *Abbay St. Bathans*, 30 *l.*----Mr. *John Touch* at *Aberlour*, 25 *l.*----Mr. *Archibald Campbel* at *North-Knapdale*, 25 *l.*---Mr. *Archibald Lambie* at *Kilmartine*, 25 *l.* all *Sterling* Money. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee, named to enquire into the Extent of the Sum collected for the Proteſtant Congregation at *Saarbruck*, givien in, bearing, that the Collectors, named to receive that Collection, received Collections only from nineteen Pariſh-churches, amounting to 39 *l.* 2 *s.* 4 *d. Sterl.* out of which they paid 7 *l.* 4 *s.* as the Expence of printing and tranſmitting the ſaid Recommendation.-The ſaid Report read, and the Recommendation of laſt Aſſembly for this Collection ordered to be reprinted, and tranſmitted to the ſeveral Preſbyteries, to the End that ſuch Miniſters as have not collected may yet have an Opportunity of collecting. *Ibid.*

A Motion for renewing the Act and Recommendation of the Aſſembly 1760, for a Collection for repairing the Harbour of *Craill*, in reſpect of the Smallneſs of the Sum collected, being only 58 *l.* 4 *s.* 5½ *d. Sterling*, refuſed. *Ibid.*

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The Report and Overture of the Committee for Overtures anent the Collection made, in virtue of an Act of laſt Aſſembly, for the Education of Students who underſtand the *Gaitic* Language, called for, and given in in Writing, bearing, That the Money collected within the Synods of *Glaſgow* and *Air*, and *Argyle*, be lodged in the Hands of a Collector, to be named at *Glaſgow*, to be laid out by him at Intereſt, till called for as aftermentioned; and the Collector at *Edinburgh* to receive the Remainder to be laid out by him in the like Manner: That two Committees be named, the one at *Glaſgow*, and the other at *Edinburgh*, to whom Reports are to be made from Synods and Preſbyteries, to iſſue Precepts upon the Collectors, for the Payment of the Sums allowed to Students, and give ſuch further Directions as may be found neceſſary: That ſix Students be named and recommended in Manner following, *viz.* Three from the Synod of *Glenelg*, Two from the Synod of *Argyle*, and One from the Synod of *Perth* and *Stirling*; the ſaids Students to continue four Years at the Study of Divintiy, with 15*l. Sterling* yearly to each of them.---That the Synod of *Glenelg* recommend in the firſt Inſtance, one from the Preſbytery of *Gairloch*, one from the Preſbytery of *Skye*, and one from the Presbyteries of *Uiſt* and *Lewis*; and in the ſecond Inſtance, that the Presbytery of *Abertarph* be preferred, and next *Lewis* and *Uiſt*.--That the Synod of *Argyle* recommend always one from the Presbytery of *Mull*, and one from the Presbyteries of *Lorne* and *Inverary*, beginning with *Lorne*.---The ſaid Sum of 15*l. Sterl.* to be paid to the Students, upon Production of the Recommendation of the reſpective Synods, and Certificates from the Profeſſors of Divinity of their Attendance for four Months in the Seſſion, to the ſaid Committees, who are to iſſue Precepts upon the Collectors reſpectively, in common Form.-That the ſeveral Students, ſo recommended, before Payment of any Part of their Allowance, do find ſufficient Security for the Re-payment of the Sums of Money that ſhall be by them received, in caſe of their applying themſelves to any other Buſineſs in Life, or in caſe of their accepting a Settlement in the *Low-country* in Preference to a *Highland* Pariſh. ——That a Liſt of the Students, ſo educated upon the above Fund, be annually reported to the General Aſſembly. ——That the Aſſembly renew their Appointment, that Pariſhes who have not as yet collected for the above Purpoſe, do it within a limited Time; and enjoin Synods and Presbyteries to ſee the ſame duly executed; and that the ſeveral Pariſhes, who have already collected, tranſmit the ſame to the reſpective Collectors without Loſs of Time.——That the Committee at *Glaſgow* be the Miniſters of the Town of *Glaſgow*, with Mr. *Hill* of the Barony, Principal *Leechman*, Profeſſor *Traill*,

Profeſſor *Muirhead*, Profeſſor *Williamſon*, Mr. *Duncan Mac-Farlane*, Bailie *Ingram* and Bailie *Baird*.---That the Aſſembly recommend to Bailie *Ingram* to take the Trouble of receiving the Collections at *Glaſgow*, and lay out the ſame upon Intereſt in the moſt proper Manner.--That the Committee at *Edinburgh* be Dr. *Hyndman*, Dr. *Dick*, Dr. *Webſter*, Dr. *Robertſon*, Dr. *Cumming*, Dr. *Matthew Stewart*, Profeſſor *Ferguſon*, the Lord Provoſt of *Edinburgh*, Mr. *David Dalrymple*, Mr. *John Swinton*, and Mr. *Campbell* of *Stonfield*, three of each Committee to be a Quorum; the ſaid Report and Overture read, approven of, and appointed accordingly.---The Act of laſt Aſſembly for the above Collection appointed to be reprinted, and tranſmitted to the ſeveral Presbyteries, that ſuch Miniſters as have not yet made a Collection for the Purpoſe above-mentioned, ſhall ſtill make the ſame betwixt and the 1ſt of *March* next; the Money collected in the Synods of *Glaſgow* and *Air*, and *Argyle*, to be tranſmitted to Bailie *Archibald Ingram* Merchant in *Glaſgow*; the Collections in the haill other Pariſhes to be tranſmitted to *William Roſs*, Clerk to the Society for propagating *Chriſtian* Knowledge. *Ibid.*

Overture anent repealing that Part of the Form of Proceſs anent Exculpations. *Ibid.*

Overture anent Members of inferior Courts, judging in Cauſes appealed from them to the ſuperior Courts. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Committee anent the Window-tax, to review the Form of Proceſs as it at preſently ſtands, and prepare an Overture for altering ſuch Parts thereof, as may be thought neceſſary to be laid before the Commiſſion in *November*, who are impowered to tranſmit the ſame to the ſeveral Preſbyteries of this Church. *Ibid.*

Overture anent Presbyteries ſending up Opinions on Overtures. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee for naming the Members of the Commiſſion, and drawing Inſtructions to them, brought in, and approven. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Viſitors of the Royal Bounty Regiſter, read, and remitted to the Committee for managing the Royal Bounty this Year, and the ſaid Regiſter atteſted. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Managers of the Royal Bounty, to conſider if a catechiſt ſhall be appointed for the Pariſh of *Cairney*. *Ibid.*

The Draught of a Commiſſion, and Inſtructions to the Committee for managing the Royal Bounty this Year, brought in, read, and approven. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Truſtees for managing the Fund for a Proviſion to Miniſters Widows, *&c.* containing a State of the Fund under their Management, and an Account of their Proceedings ſince laſt Aſſembly, reproduced, and ordered to be recorded in the ſeparate Regiſter kept for that Purpoſe. *Ibid.*

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The printed Acts of Assembly, appointed to be sent yearly to the several Universities, as well as to Presbyteries. *Ibid.*

Act approving of Mr. *David Dalrymple* Advocate, Procurator for the Church, his Intromissions with his Majesty's Allowance for defraying the public Charges of the Church, for the Terms of *Lady-Day*, *Mid-summer*, *Michaelmas*, and *Christmas* 1761, and appointing that the Balance of 131 *l.* 9 *s.* 8⅓ *d. Sterl.* in his Hands, be charged in his next Accompt. *Ibid.*

Act approving of the Accompt of *James Edmonstone* Agent for the Church, and Sub-clerk to the General Assembly, and appointing that he have Credit in his next Accompt for the Balance of 18 *l.* 9 *s.* 11 *d. Sterl.* due to him. *Ibid.*

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Reference to the Commission, to call the Visitors of the Synod Book of *Aberdeen* to account for their Absence at this Diet, and upon their Report, if they see Cause, to order the Book to be attested. *Ibid.*

The Synod Books of *Glenelg*, *Sutherland* and *Caithness*, *Orkney*, *Dumfries*, *Galloway*, *Glasgow* and *Air*, *Perth* and *Stirling*, *Fife*, *Angus* and *Mearns*, *Moray*, *Ross*, and Presbytery Book of *Zetland*, absent, and ordered to be brought up to be revised by the next Assembly. *Ibid.*

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Protestation at the Instance of the Synod of *Dumfries*, against *Robert Eskdale* for not insisting in an Appeal taken by him from a Sentence of the said Synod. *Ibid.*

List of Probationers in the Bounds of 24 Presbyteries, amounting to 64, produced, and ordered to be recorded. *Ibid.*

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